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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING: SECURITY AND REFORM

1. IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTION OF ZAIRE'S URGENT  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS (SPETEL), THE PARIS MEETING  
RAISED TWO OTHER SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH THE PAR-  
TICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE. FIRST, THE FRENCH MADE A STRONG PLEA  
FOR CONTINUED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE SHABA AFRICAN  
FORCE, BEYOND THE INITIAL AIRLIFT. WE, THE BRITISH,  
THE GERMANS AND THE BELGIANS MADE NO COMMITMENTS AND  
POINTED OUT THAT IN ANY EVENT NO DETAILS AS TO

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REQUIREMENTS WERE AVAILABLE. THE FRENCH COUNTER-  
PROPOSED THAT A PERMANENT WORKING GROUP OF THE FIVE  
POWERS BE SET UP TO DETERMINE SUCH REQUIREMENTS AND  
TO PROVIDE ON-GOING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. THIS  
SUGGESTION WAS RESISTED AND THE FRENCH FINALLY SAID  
THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS  
WHEN THEY HAD MORE DETAILS.

2. ON REFORMS, THERE WAS A STRONG CONSENSUS THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO JOINTLY LET MOBUTU KNOW THAT WE CONSIDERED CERTAIN MINIMUM REFORMS NECESSARY IF CONTINUED ASSISTANCE WAS TO BE FORTHCOMING AND EFFECTIVE. A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED TO SET OUT THESE MINIMUM REFORMS WHICH COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO MOBUTU THROUGH A JOINT DEMARCHE BY THE FIVE AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE IT WAS DECIDED THAT EACH DELEGATION WOULD SUBMIT THE AGREED WORKING DOCUMENT TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL. SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS WILL DETERMINE THE TIMING AND MODALITIES OF THE DEMARCHE, WHICH IDEALLY WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE BRUSSELS MEETING.

3. THE DRAFT REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WILL BE COMMUNICATED SEPARATELY, COVER

A) A POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

B) FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL "REGIONAL ENTITIES" IN THE BODY POLITIC.

C) IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

D) DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES.

E) ECONOMIC REFORMS.

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THESE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUPPLEMENTED WITH "ANNEXED" SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING (A), (B) AND (C) ABOVE, WHICH ARE DRAWN MAINLY FROM EMBASSY KINSHASA'S SUGGESTIONS. THE IDEA AT THIS POINT IS THAT THE JOINT DEMARCHE WOULD USE ONLY THE GENERAL CATEGORIES, LEAVING IT TO INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADORS TO USE THE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES IN THE ANNEX'

4. THE REFORM EXERCISE AT THE PARLS MEETING WAS USEFUL IN THAT THE FIVE POWERS LAID OUT A COMMON CATALOGUE OF REFORMS, BUT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON HOW THESE COULD BEST BE COMMUNICATED TO MOBUTU. IN SUM, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FINALLY AGREE ON A SUFFICIENTLY STRONG MESSAGE TO MOBUTU THAT CAN BE PRESENTED BY A UNITED FRONT OF THE FIVE. WE WILL NEED TO DETERMINE WHETHER A JOINT OR SEPARATE APPROACH WILL BEST MEET OUR NEEDS.

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